(2) It extends to the whole of Cochin and shall come into force at once.

Clause was put and carried.

Deputy President.—The question is that the title and preamble stand part of the Bill.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Preamble

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, it is hereby enacted as follows :—

Title and preamble were put and carried.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—I move that the Bill be taken up and passed on the first day of the next meeting.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

Amendment to Standing Order No. 12.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—I move that the Amendment to Standing Order No. 12 as reported by the Select Committee be taken up for consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri).*—I second it.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Sir, the Government position is this. The principle underlying the amendment as recommended by the Select Committee may prima facie appear to be an acceptable one. But Government are opposing it on the ground of the possibility of repeated complaints that particular starred questions were not answered in practice. Hon'ble Members may realise that while members may choose to star particular questions it will be difficult in particular cases to supply answers for those questions. For instance if an Hon'ble Member chooses to ask for statistics of a dozen years, answers will not be available within a reasonable period of time. Therefore my suggestion is this. I would request the Hon'ble Members' attention to what obtains in other places. This is not a matter on which there is controversy elsewhere.

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